

NEWTOWN SQUARE, PA—On May 1, 2009, Congressman Joe Sestak (PA-07) spoke at the ribbon-cutting ceremony for a new “green” building on SAP America’s corporate campus in Newtown Square, Pa. SAP America is a subsidiary of SAP AG, the world’s largest business software company and the third-largest software supplier worldwide. Congressman Sestak commended their new building for meeting Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification.

“SAP and their beautiful new facility demonstrate again that forward-thinking design and environmental considerations are not a detriment to business,” said Congressman Sestak. “This great project further emphasizes SAP’s leadership both in the business world and as a civic partner in the 7th Congressional District. I hope this building will be a model and inspiration for projects around the District and throughout the country.”

At the ceremony, the Congressman was introduced by Bill Wall, Vice President of Communications, and joined Bill McDermott, President of Global Field Operations, Congressman Christopher Carney, and State Representative Greg Vitali.

SAP’s new building features: green roof systems, geothermal cooling, waterless urinals, and lighting controls. It was constructed with many recycled and low-VOC products, including over 1,200 tons of recycled steel, 249 tons of recycled desk metal, and a floor made with cement, recycled bottles, and crushed seashells. The balcony handrails are made from the few chestnut trees that had to be removed during construction, and 68,000 cubic yards of soil that was removed has been re-used.

To achieve LEED certification, construction must meet certain prerequisites and attain points in up to six different categories. For example, “sustainable sites” certification requires construction companies to prevent pollution and behave like a friendly neighbor. Other categories include water efficiency, energy and atmosphere, materials and resources, indoor environmental quality, and innovation and design process.

*Born and raised in Delaware County, former 3-star Admiral Joe Sestak served in the Navy for 31 years and now serves as the Representative from the 7th District of Pennsylvania. He led a series of operational commands at sea, including Commander of an aircraft carrier battle group of 30 U.S. and allied ships with over 15,000 sailors and 100 aircraft that conducted operations in*

*Afghanistan and Iraq. After 9/11, Joe was the first Director of "Deep Blue," the Navy's anti-terrorism unit that established strategic and operations policies for the "Global War on Terrorism." He served as President Clinton's Director for Defense Policy at the National Security Council in the White House, and holds a Ph.D. in Political Economy and Government from Harvard University. According to the office of the House Historian, Joe is the highest-ranking former military officer ever elected to the U.S. Congress.*

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